

THE CRUSADER TIMES

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"You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working; and just so, you learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves." — *Saint Francis De Sales*

Students at The Atonement Academy engage their minds and hearts and bodies as they daily address our very relevant mission: "At The Atonement Academy, we strive for excellence in the physical, the intellectual, and the spiritual virtues through a challenging course of classical and Catholic education."



Weekly Letter from Mr. Watson

January 10, 2020

Dear Atonement Families,

Happy New Year! It is good to be back. This morning, at our weekly 7:15 a.m. check-in, teachers and staff were remarking on the positive start we've had this week. I hope this is an indication that you and your children had just the Christmas Break you needed.

Many thanks to all of you who attended the "State of the School Address" last night. I appreciate your dedication to our school. Of the several themes discussed, I think I may have most enjoyed reminding our community of the many accolades and awards—National Blue Ribbon School, eCatholic Best Catholic School Website for 2019, #1 Best Catholic High School in San Antonio 2020, Cardinal Newman Society Honor Roll, 25th Anniversary, etc—that are the lenses through which The Atonement Academy is viewed from the outside. Though it is easy to take these things for granted and to become preoccupied with the challenges we face, the fact remains that we have all found our way to a truly extraordinary school. God has been faithful.

"[L]et us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart" (Galatians 6:9).

Your servant,

Matthew David Watson
Head of School

NOTA BENE / NOTE WELL...

Upcoming Events

January 1-15: Re-Enrollment*

January 12: Fifth & Sixth Grade Girls Choir featured at 9 am Sunday Mass

January 15: Second Quarter Academy Awards, 2:15 pm

January 20: Martin Luther King Holiday (no school)

January 23: Friends & Family Shadow Day*

January 24: Evensong: Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, 2:25 pm

January 28: Academic Showcase, PreK-3 through Grade 2, 6-7 pm

January 30: Academic Showcase, Grade 3 through Grade 6, 6-7 pm

February 8: Annual Gala & Auction*

February 14: Bishop's Holiday (no school)

Every Wednesday at 3:00 pm in The Sacred Heart Chapel:

Join us in praying a weekly rosary for our school -- and if you can't join us, set your phone for 3:00 pm to remind you to join us and pray the rosary together!

**More information may be found in this issue of the newsletter*

State of the School Presentation



It was a veritable standing room only crowd for our "State of the School" address last night--thank you to all who attended! Mr. Watson addressed over 100 people regarding our school. Since the academic year began in August, Mr. Watson has been attentive and involved, studying our challenges as well as all our strengths, and his presentation encouraged everyone to remain faithful and committed to The Atonement Academy. We have a school of excellence (Blue Ribbon) and a school that evangelizes (National Catholic Honor Roll) and



our vision for 2020 and beyond is indeed 20/20: clear and dedicated to Catholic, classical education.

Monthly Friday Morning Coffee with Mr. Watson



Mr. Watson didn't have much time to rest before he was in front of our community again -- this morning's "Coffee with Mr. Watson" brought another opportunity for our families to visit with our Head of School!

Re-Enrollment: GREAT NEWS!

Re-enrollment began January 1st, and we had three families start the year with re-enrolling their children! The Vale, the Fisher, and the Garcia Tovar families began the sign-up season with enthusiasm and started the momentum: we now have 99 re-enrolled and 14 in the process! [Let's break 100 today!](#)

Our director of admissions, Mrs. Yolanda Joiner, reminds all families that re-enrollment begins in January. Current families have a preferred enrollment period January 1-15, 2020. Currently enrolled students as well as any siblings may enroll during this period.

To re-enroll, please open your Family Portal in FACTS SIS. Then:

1. On the left side of your screen please click on: **Apply/Enroll**.
2. Then click on **Enrollment/Re-enrollment**.
3. Then click on **Start Packet 2020-2021**.



If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Mrs. Joiner at

Re-enrollment continues through January 15th and new families are eligible to begin enrolling in February. We have a Friends & Family Shadow Day on January 23rd, so tell your friends and family and share in the great Atonement Academy experience! See details below.

Featured in the photo are Parker Fisher, Madison Vale, and Adrian and Gabriela Garcia Tovar are pictured with our pastor, Father Mark Lewis, and our Head of School, Mr. Matthew Watson.



The Atonement Academy

The Admissions Office invites you to participate in our
“Friends and Family Shadow Day”

Thursday January 23, 2020



Friends and Family Shadow Day will give new families the opportunity to experience what it is like to be a Crusader! The day will start at 8:00 am and end at 12:15 pm for students in K3—5th, and at 3:00 pm for students in 6th—12th.

Please come by the Admission Office by Friday, January 17, 2020 to register for this event.

Please contact Mrs. Yolanda Joiner, Admissions Director
yjoiner@atonementonline.com

The Gala Committee Needs Uniform Fabric for Decorations!

Did your child outgrow their
Atonement jumper?

Is it too tattered to sell or give away?

WE NEED THEM!

Please consider donating your jumper
to be used for decorations for this
year's 25th anniversary gala.



Please drop them off at the school
front office as soon as you can.
Thank you!

Did you sell the
lucky ticket?

ANNUAL RAFFLE TICKET SALE!

ONLY A FEW

WEEKS LEFT!

**TURN IN ALL TICKETS
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PLEASE!**



Our Lady of The Atonement Music Series



15415 Red Robin Road 78255

Our Lady of The Atonement
Catholic Church's
Orchestra-in-Residence
presents works by Pietro
Antonio Locatelli,
Giuseppe Torelli, Antonio
Vivaldi, Tomaso Antonio
Vitali, Arcangelo Corelli,
& Johann Pachelbel.



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(CONCERTI FOR STRINGS AND CONTINUO WITHOUT SOLOISTS)

JANUARY 12TH, 4 - 5 PM.

SONIDO BARROCA, WILL PRESENT A FREE CONCERT!

THE GALA IS COMING....and it's really getting exciting!

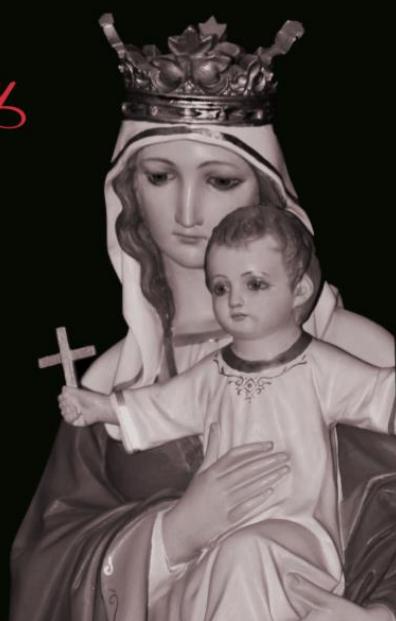
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Gala

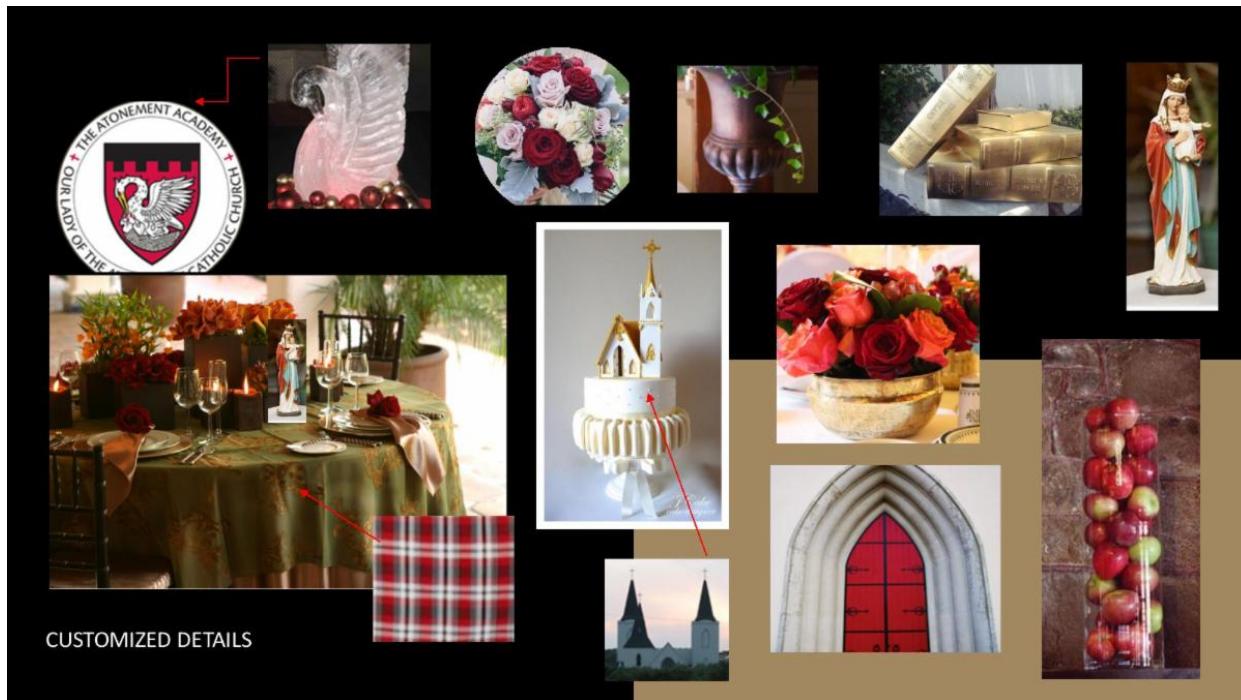
February 8, 2020 | 6:00 pm | Éilan Hotel

<https://www.accelevents.com/e/AtonementGala2020>



Here is a sneak peek at the hard work the Gala Committee has been doing! In the

idea board below, you see some of the brainstorms our committee has had (not all will be used, of course). Every detail is being considered to give you a "once-every-25-years" experience!



Have you bought your ticket (or table!) yet? Have you donated an auction item? Have you bought an ad in the program? Did you know that friends and family can join in the auction bidding that night from the comfort of their own home? Stay tuned for options to help underwrite specific items. Opportunities for your participation abound!

Check our school website for 25th Anniversary Gala forms, including secure online ticket or table purchases: <https://theatonementacademy.org/gala>.



25th Anniversary Atonement Academy – 2020

All tables and tickets purchased before December 20, 2019 will receive an Early Bird Limited Edition 25th Anniversary Christmas Ornament!

Please make your table or ticket selection below. This form is for purchase by check only. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket using your credit card, please go to the following website:
<https://www.accevents.com/e/AtonementGala2020>

Count	Table or Ticket Selection	Cost	Total Cost
_____	Bishop's Table	\$5,000	\$ 0 _____
_____	Silver and Red Table	\$3,000	\$ 0 _____
_____	Friends of the Academy Table	\$1,300	\$ 0 _____
_____	Romantic Getaway	\$650	\$ 0 _____
_____	Individual Ticket	\$150	\$ 0 _____
Total Cost to be paid by Check			\$ 0 _____

Contact Name _____

Contact Cell Number _____

Contact Email _____

THE ATONEMENT ACADEMY GALA

Éilan Hotel / Saturday, February 8, 2020
18603 La Cantera Terrace
San Antonio, TX 78256
210-695-2240
info@atonementonline.com



PROGRAM ADVERTISING CONTRACT

Sponsor/Firm Name	Contact	Phone
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Name (as you wish for it to appear in the program)

Address	City	State
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Gala Program Advertising opportunities:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Outside Back Cover | \$ 600.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inside Back Cover: | \$ 500.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inside Front Cover: | \$ 500.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page: | \$ 400.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Half Page: | \$ 200.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page: | \$ 100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business card size (1/8 th page): | \$ 50.00 |

NOTES

ART WORK INFORMATION

- Camera-Ready Art Work** to be sent (We will print your ad exactly as you provide it.)
- Production Required**
(Additional cost to advertiser: \$25.00; we will be sure your artwork fits the size ad you have selected and appropriately reflects your company and our organization.)

Ads must be camera ready to the correct size. The advertiser agrees to pay for any additional charge for half tones, alterations, or typesetting required by printer or the production artist.

Submit camera-ready art and/or any advertising or production inquiries to:
ellie.moore@sbcglobal.net

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Total Payment Amount: \$ _____

Check No. _____ Enclosed
Please make your checks payable to:
The Atonement Academy

Visa MasterCard American Express

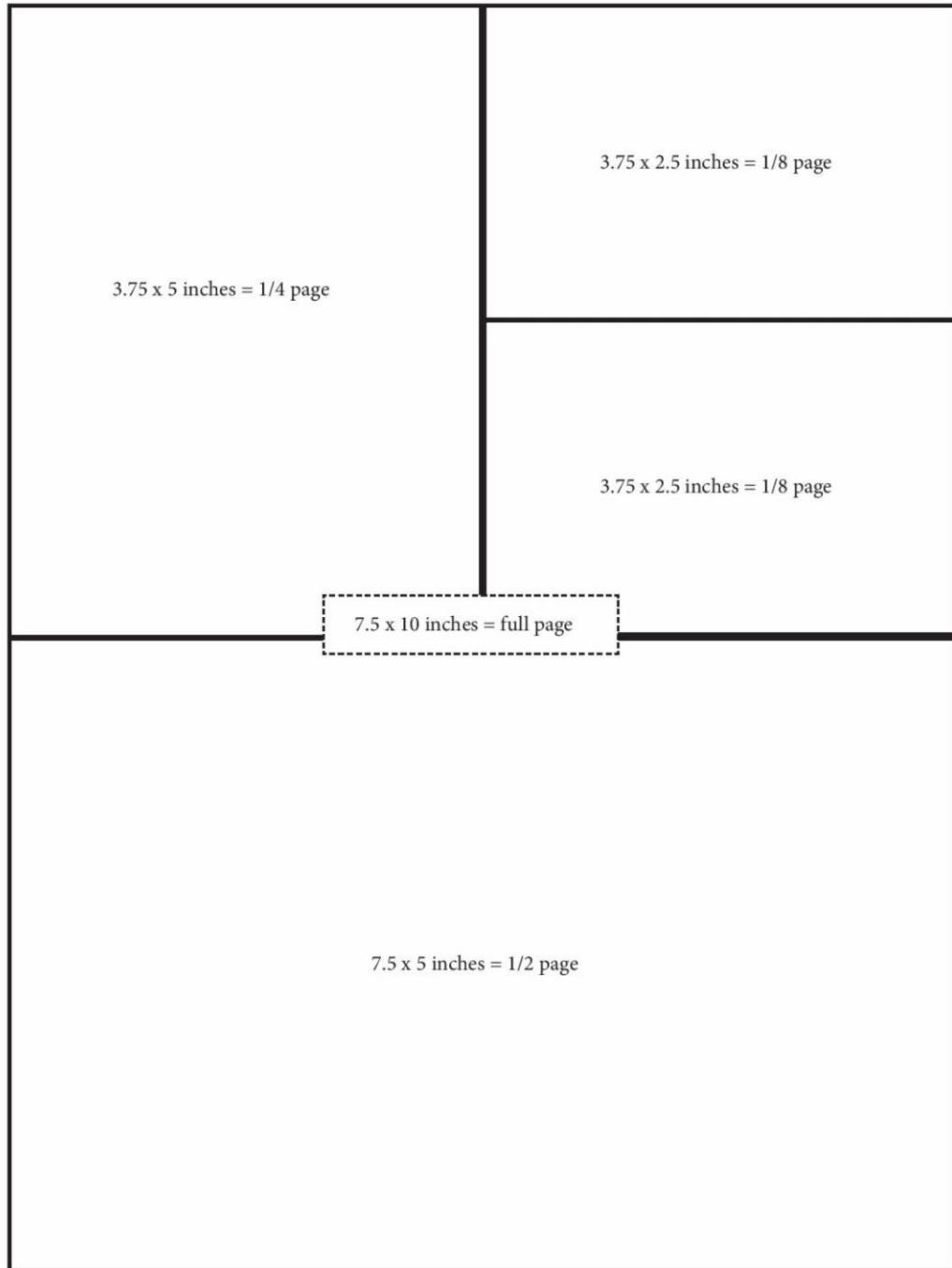
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Exp. Date: _____

Cardholder's Name:

(Please Print)

Signature: _____



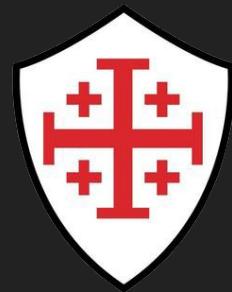
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